

## Exhibit A

### **Tuberculosis Examination Procedures For All Health Care, Domiciliary Care, Adult Day Care, and Residential Facilities and Programs Licensed under Title 11, Chapters 85-105, by the Department of Health August, 2001**

1. All residents, employees, contract workers, and volunteers working more than 10 hours per week are required to have an Entry TB Evaluation (as described in #2 below) within 1 year prior to starting work and Annual Tuberculosis Re-evaluations (as described in #3), except that:
  - A. Employees who work exclusively in buildings in which no patient care activities take place are exempt from this requirement.
  - B. Patients of acute inpatient facilities are exempt from this requirement.
  - C. Infants under the age of 12 months are exempt from this requirement.
2. The **Entry TB Evaluation** shall be based on the *two step* Mantoux tuberculin skin test supplemented by a standard chest x-ray as needed.
  - A. If an initial skin test is negative (< 10 mm in transverse diameter), a second tuberculin skin test shall be administered 1 week to 3 weeks later.
  - B. If the initial skin test or the second skin test is positive, a standard chest x-ray with appropriate medical examination shall be administered to exclude tuberculosis disease and to evaluate the individual for possible TB preventive therapy.
  - C. If there is documentary evidence of a negative tuberculin skin test performed within the previous 12 months, or documentary evidence of a prior negative two-step test, a single negative skin test administered for the Entry TB Evaluation shall not require a second, follow-up skin test.
  - D. If there is medical record documentation of a previous positive tuberculin skin test, no additional skin test is required.
    - (1) *If* there is documentary evidence of a clear standard chest x-ray and medical examination which has excluded communicable TB within the past year, screening for symptoms consistent with TB (as described in 3 C below) may be performed in lieu of an additional chest x-ray.
    - (2) Otherwise, a standard chest x-ray with appropriate medical examination shall be administered to exclude tuberculosis disease and to evaluate the individual for possible TB preventive therapy.

3. **Annual Tuberculosis Re-evaluations** shall be administered within 335-395 days following the immediately previous Tuberculosis evaluation.
  - A. All individuals who have not previously tested positive shall be administered a single tuberculin skin test.
  - B. If a person who last tested negative becomes positive, a standard chest x-ray with appropriate medical examination shall be administered to exclude tuberculosis disease and to evaluate the individual for possible TB preventive therapy. *The occurrence of a positive skin test in an individual who has tested negative at an immediately previous examination shall be reported to the Department of Health within 7 days.*
  - C. All individuals who previously tested positive and were found to be free of active TB based on a standard chest x-ray and appropriate medical examination shall be screened for symptoms consistent with pulmonary TB at the time of the Annual TB Re-evaluation. Symptoms consistent with pulmonary TB include:
    - (1) Cough  $\geq$  three weeks' duration, *and*
    - (2) at least one of the following:
      - (a) Fever,
      - (b ) Night sweats,
      - (c) Unintentional weight loss  $>$  10% of body weight,
      - (d) Hemoptysis, or
      - (e) Malaise/fatigue.
    - (3) If symptoms consistent with pulmonary TB are present, a standard chest x-ray is required.
4. **Illness after scheduled evaluations**

Any patient, employee, or volunteer experiencing the symptoms consistent with pulmonary TB listed above at any time shall receive a medical evaluation including skin test and/or x-ray as medically indicated within 7 days.
5. **Urgent/unexpected placement into long term care**

Patients requiring urgent or unexpected placement or transfer into a long term care or intermediate term care facility may obtain an immediate TB clearance by demonstrating that a chest x-ray taken within the preceding 30 days of placement or transfer indicates radiographic freedom from active pulmonary tuberculosis. However, these patients must still obtain a *two step* Mantoux tuberculin skin test within three weeks of placement or transfer into the long term care or intermediate term care facility.

Amendments to and compilation of chapter 164, title 11, Hawaii Administrative Rules, on the Summary Page dated August 6, 2001 were adopted on August 6, 2001 following a public hearing held May 25, 2001 on Oahu, after public notice was given in The Honolulu Star-Bulletin on April 18, 2001, The Hawaii Tribune Herald, The Maui News, and the Garden Isle News on April 20, 2001, and Midweek on April 23, 2001.

Chapter 11-164, Hawaii Administrative Rules, shall take effect ten days after filing with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



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